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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18,22-40,42-45 and 47-49 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18,22-40,42-45,47-49 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-18,22-40,42-45,47-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable by Stolfo et al (US 2004/0002903).

As per claims 1,24,32,40 Stolfo disclosed a method for allowing proxies in an integrated Identity System and Access System, comprising the steps of receiving from a user of the Integrated System and Access System a request for the user to be a proxy for an administrator of the integrated Identity System and Access System (Page. 4, Paragraph. 0042-0043); associating said user with one or more credentials of said administrator without authenticating said user as said administrator; and allowing said user to use said Identity System as said administrator based on said one or more credentials of said administrator (Page. 4, Paragraph. 0047). And allowing said user to use said Access System to access resources based on one or more credentials of said user but not one or more credentials of said administrator.

3. As per claim 2 Stolfo disclosed wherein said step of receiving a request includes the steps of: providing a notification to said user of an ability to be said proxy for administrator; and

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receiving a request from said user to be said proxy for said administrator (Page. 5, Paragraph. 0051).

4. As per claim 3 Stolfo disclosed wherein: said notification includes an email (Page. 17, Paragraph. 0196).

5. As per claim 4 Stolfo disclosed wherein: said notification includes a display page for said Identity System (Page. 18, Paragraph. 0210).

6. As per claim 5 Stolfo disclosed wherein said step of receiving a request includes the step of receiving an indication from said administrator that said user can be said proxy for said administrator (Page. 15, Paragraph. 0180).

7. As per claim 6 Stolfo disclosed wherein said step of receiving a request includes the steps of providing a list of potential proxy candidates; providing a search mechanism to add more candidates to said list of potential proxy candidates (Page. 7, Paragraph. 0071); and receiving a selection of one or more of said potential proxy candidates, including a selection of said user (Page. 18, Paragraph. 0204).

8. As per claim 7 Stolfo disclosed wherein: said credentials of said administrator include a distinguished name for said administrator (Page. 8, Paragraph. 0084).

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9. As per claims 8,25,33 Stolfo disclosed wherein: said credentials of said administrator include identity profile attributes for said administrator (Page. 1, Paragraph. 0004).

10. As per claims 9,26,34 Stolfo disclosed wherein: said step of associating includes storing an identification of said administrator in a data element used to identify said user (Page. 4, paragraph 0042).

11. As per claims 10 Stolfo disclosed wherein: said step of associating includes storing an identification of said administrator in a cookie for said user (Page. 18, Paragraph. 0207).

12. As per claim 11 Stolfo disclosed wherein: said step of associating includes using an identification of said administrator to identify said user (Page. 10, paragraph. 0096).

13. As per claims 12,27 Stolfo disclosed wherein said step of associating includes the steps of accessing an Identity System cookie for said user, said Identity System cookie stores an identification of said user (Page. 18, paragraph. 0207); storing said identification of said user from said step of accessing in a second cookie; and storing an identification of said administrator in said an Identity System cookie for said user (Page. 5, paragraph. 0051).

14. As per claims 13,42,47 Stolfo disclosed further comprising the steps of receiving a request to terminate said user being a proxy for said administrator; accessing said identification

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of said user in said second cookie; and storing said identification of said user in said Identity System cookie for said user (Page. 18, Paragraph. 0207).

15. As per claim 14 Stolfo disclosed further comprising the steps of receiving a request from said user to access said Identity System; determining whether said Identity System cookie for said user exists; providing access to said Identity System for said (Page. 18, Paragraph. 0207). User if said Identity System cookie for said user exists; and authenticating said user and creating said Identity System cookie if said Identity System cookie for said user does not exist prior to said step of determining, said step of creating includes adding said identification of said user to said Identity System cookie (Page. 19, Paragraph. 213).

16. As per claims 15,28,36,43,48 Stolfo disclosed wherein said step of allowing includes the steps of receiving a request from said user to access a service in said Identity System; accessing said identification of said administrator in said Identity System cookie (Page. 18, Paragraph. 0207); accessing attributes for said administrator based on said identification of said administrator in said Identity System cookie; and providing access to said service in said Identity System based on said attributes for said administrator (Page. 18, Paragraph. 0209).

17. As per claims 16,29,37,44,49 Stolfo disclosed wherein: said steps of receiving, associating and allowing are performed without said user providing a password for said administrator (Page. 12, Paragraph. 0125).

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18. As per claim 17 Stolfo disclosed wherein: said step of associating verifies that said administrator is a delegated administrator having a right to be proxied (Page. 10, Paragraph. 0101).

19. As per claim 18 Stolfo disclosed further comprising the step of: delegating a right to be proxied to said administrator, said step of associating verifies that said administrator has said right to be proxied (Page. 10, Paragraphed. 0101).

23. As per claims 22,30,38 Stolfo disclosed wherein: said Identity System is part of an integrated Identity System and Access System; and said steps of associating and allowing provide for said user to be said proxy for said administrator in said Identity System but does not provide for said user to be said proxy for said administrator in said Access System (Page. 18, Paragraph. 0209).

24. As per claims 23,31,39 Stolfo disclosed wherein: said Identity System is part of an integrated Identity System and Access System; said step of associating includes the steps of accessing an Identity System cookie for said user, said Identity System cookie stores an identification of said user, and storing an identification of said administrator in said an Identity System cookie for said user (Page. 18, Paragraph. 0209); said Access System uses an Access System cookie for said user, said Identity System cookie is separate from said Access System cookie; and said Access System cookie for said user does not store an indication of said administrator (Page. 11, Paragraph. 0114).

25. As per claim 35 Stolfo disclosed wherein: said step of associating include, the steps of: accessing an Identity System cookie for said user, said Identity System cookie stores an identification of said user, storing said identification of said user from said step of accessing in a second cookie (Page. 18, Paragraph. 0207), and storing an identification of said administrator in said an Identity System cookie for said user; and said method further comprises the steps of: receiving a request to terminate said user being a proxy for said administrator; accessing said identification of said user in said second cookie, and storing said identification of said user in said Identity System cookie for said user (Page. 18, Paragraph. 209).

26. As per claim 45 Stolfo disclosed One or more processor readable storage devices having processor readable code embodied on said processor readable storage devices, said processor readable code for programming one or more processors to perform a method comprising the steps of: receiving an indication that a user can be a proxy for a administrator, said indication is from said administrator; receiving an indication from said user to become said proxy for said administrator (Page. 5, Paragraph. 0056); associating said user with one or more credentials of said administrator without authenticating said user as said administrator; and allowing said user to use said system as said administrator based on said one or more credentials of said administrator (Page. 13, Paragraph. 0141).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 06/21/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Response to applicant's argument as follows.

27. Applicant argued that prior art did not disclose, "associating a user with credentials of administrator and allowing the user to access a system as the administrator and prior art did not disclose the Identity system".

As to applicant's argument Stoflo disclosed, "Alternatively, deliver to a physical address, which may not secure said information of the first party to be revealed at the physical facility.

Alternatively, delivery to a physical address, which may not secure said information of the first party, designated by the first party may be provided for by delivering first to first physical address (e.g., a depot), without revealing the private and personal information of the first party to the second party and unauthorized parties, and then trans-shipping to a second or last physical address designated by the first party but not revealed to the second party. Also Stoflo disclosed, "all communications from the first part appear to others to be from a party with an identity of the transaction identifier. Only the party providing the first party with the transaction identity. Where a purchase is involved, the bank or credit clearing entity stores information linking the true identity of the user and the transaction identity (Page. 5, Paragraph. 0051). Stoflo also disclosed when a user browses through the proxy system. The proxy system acts as a portal to web sites.

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Alternatively, if the use is currently visiting the second part vendor's Web Page independently of the proxy system and the user wants to now shop privately, the user accesses the proxy system, and the second party vendor's Web Page cached on the user's PC then appears in the proxy system's window, etc. (Page. 12, Paragraph. 0128). One ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention knows that transfer of information is between the one part who makes a request and the other end of the part who process the request by changing the names of each end doesn't hold different help narrowing down the claims.

Conclusion

28. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Adnan Mirza whose telephone number is (571)-272-3885.

29. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday during normal business hours. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Cardone can be reached on (571)-272-3933. The fax for this group is (703)-746-7239. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

30. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications

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